

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-43 are pending, in which claims 1, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28-30, 33, and 36-39 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 rejected claims {21-27} and {28-39} under 35 U.S.C. §101, statutory type double patenting rejection in view of claims {1-7}, and {8-12, 14, 13, 15-19}, respectively, of commonly owned *Donovan* (US 6,434,143), and provisionally rejected pending claims {1-7}, {8-19}, {20} and {40-43} under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims {1-7}, {8-12, 14, 13, 15-19}, {20} and {1-4}, respectively, of commonly owned *Donovan*. Claim 1 was also objected to because of an informality.

In view of the claim amendment, the objection to the claim 1 is overcome.

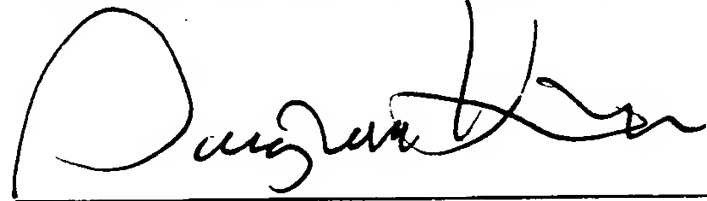
In response to the statutory type double patenting rejection, Applicant has amended independent claims 21 and 28, and thus, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

As for the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-7, 8-19, 20 and 40-43, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 is submitted herewith, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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